



March/April 2006



# LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 2-8

### Free celebration events scheduled at both libraries

The American Library Association has proclaimed the week of April 2-8 as National Library Week, and the York County Public Library is ready to celebrate! Throughout the week, the Yorktown and Tabb libraries will host a variety of programs that will entertain young and old. All the events will be free and open to the public, and all of our patrons are invited to join in the fun!

The goal of National Library Week is to highlight the wealth of information available at

public libraries across the United States. Besides being the perfect place to find a good book to read, the Library is fully stocked with every information resource imaginable, from books and magazines to electronic databases and access to the Internet. Whether for business or for pleasure, the Library is a one-stop shop for anyone who needs to be "in the know."

Come join us for our free events and celebrate YOUR public library!

Sunday, April 2  
"Hanna's War" (PG13)  
in observance of Holocaust Day  
2:00 PM—TABB

Wednesday, April 5  
2006 Jubilee Literary  
Competition Awards Ceremony  
7:00 PM—TABB

Friday, April 7  
The Music Man (G)  
with Marian the Librarian  
4:00 PM—YORKTOWN

Saturday, April 8  
"Second Saturdays at Seven"  
presents the  
HARRIS SIMON TRIO  
7:00 PM—TABB

## "How The Library Changed My Life" Essay Contest

### Top Five Entries Will Win Prizes, Be Submitted To *Woman's Day* For Possible Inclusion

Perhaps it was a particularly powerful book you checked out at the library. Maybe it was a speaker you heard there, or a concert that particularly moved you. It may have been a workshop or a class you attended.

There are many different ways that a visit to your local library can change your life. The York County Public Library invites York County citizens to express in an essay of **700 words or less** how the library changed their lives. Five prizes will be awarded for the best-written, most thoughtful essays. The five

winners also will be submitted to *Woman's Day* magazine, which recently announced an "editorial initiative" in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) in which its readers have been asked to tell how the library has changed their lives. The magazine will publish the top four submissions in an issue later this year.

Essay submissions are due to the Library by **April 1**. Winning essays will be sent to *Woman's Day* by May 10. Local winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble courtesy of the Friends of the

York County Library. Winning essays will also be featured on the Library's homepage and in its newsletter.

The ALA partnership with *Woman's Day* began in 2002 with a series of workshops for aspiring writers led by writers from the magazine. *Woman's Day* is a Founding Partner of The Campaign for Americas Libraries, the ALA's multi-year public awareness and advocacy campaign to promote the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. For more information, call the Library at 890-5120, 890-5207, or 890-5119.

## Library Introduces New Online Book Club Service

The Library now features an Online Book Club that delivers books electronically. Each day, Monday through Friday, the Library e-mails subscribers a portion of a book that takes about five minutes to read. If they like a book, they can check it out of the Library. Each week, the Library features new books.

With four book clubs to

choose from, there's something for everyone. Patrons can sign up for Fiction, Nonfiction, Teen and Mystery groups.

Patrons can sign up for the free Online Book Club service at the Library website at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library>. For more information, contact Kevin Smith at the Library at (757) 890-5134.

## Early Literacy Workshop April 8 at Tabb

To celebrate National Library Week and The Week of the Young Child, the Library will present an Early Literacy Program Workshop on Saturday, April 8 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Tabb Library meeting room. Join us for an introduction to the stages of reading readiness, a review of developmentally appropriate books for infants through preschool age, and tips on how to share books with children. Door prizes will include books and gift cards from Target and Barnes & Noble.

Registration will begin Monday, March 20 and is limited to 25 patrons. Call 890-5110 to register or stop by the Youth Services Desk. This event is sponsored by the Youth Services Department and the Friends of the York County Library and supported by Kids First Coalition. *Every Child Ready to Read* is a partnership among the Public Library Association, The Association for Library Service to Children and The National Institute of Child Health & Human Development.

## BOOK GROUPS at both libraries

Award Winners  
Best Sellers  
Busy People's Group  
Nonfiction  
Yorktown Daytime

meetings held  
Tuesdays or Thursdays  
at least 6 people  
must register  
call Adult Programs  
at (757) 890-5119

## Computer Classes at the Tabb Library

PowerPoint  
March 23 & 28-7:00 PM  
Outlook  
April 4 & 11-7:00 PM  
Basic Excel  
April 6 & 13-9:00 AM  
Publisher  
April 18 & 25-7:00 PM  
Basic Word  
April 27 & May 4-9:00 AM  
6 students per  
each two-session course  
Call 890-5119 to register

## "Second Saturdays at Seven" concerts set for March and April

The Library's "Second Saturdays at Seven" concert series continues in March and April with delightful evenings of music for listeners of all ages to enjoy.

On March 11, enjoy the classic rhythm and blues sounds of **Shakedown**. Featuring gritty, passionate vocals, tight harmonies, searing lead guitar, funky keyboards and a pulsing back beat, this

five-member outfit is one of the area's premier bands and regulars of the local R&B stages.

On April 8, enjoy an evening of jazz music by **The Harris Simon Trio**. A native of New York City, Harris Simon is a renowned and award-winning pianist extensive experience performing in clubs and jazz festivals in North America, Europe and Japan. He resides

in Williamsburg and teaches jazz piano at the College of William & Mary.

Both concerts will be held at the Tabb Library on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. Both shows are free of charge and open to the public. Call the Library at 890-5119 for details.



## Battle of the Books March 1 and 2

Come cheer for your team as York County Public Library hosts the County Battles of the Books in March. The students in grades 4-8 have read twenty books and attended practices held at the libraries in preparation for the competition. The following elementary schools will meet for their County Battle on Thursday, March 2 at Coventry

Elementary School: Coventry, Grafton-Bethel, Mount Vernon, Seaford, Tabb, and Yorktown. Yorktown Middle School and Grafton Middle School will compete on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 in the Tabb Library Meeting Room. The winning teams will continue to the Regional competition in Williamsburg on Saturday, March 18. Good luck to all!

## Story Time and Toddler Tales registrations

Registration for Story Times will begin Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00 AM at both libraries. Our Story Times, for children aged 2 to 5, are filled with stories, songs, and activities that will foster a love of reading in children. Each session has a new theme and new stories to tell! Call Tabb at 890-5110 or Yorktown at 890-3236 to register.

### STORY TIMES

#### at Tabb

Wed. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

ages 2½–3½

Wed. 1:00 PM—1:30 PM

ages 2½–K

Thurs. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

ages 2½–3½

Thurs. 11:15 AM—11:45 AM

ages 3½–K

#### at Yorktown

Wed. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

ages 2½–K

### REGISTRATION

#### REQUIRED

Call Tabb (890-5110)  
or Yorktown (890-3236) for  
more information!

Registration for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales will begin Monday, March 6 at 10 AM.

Tiny Tales introduces children aged 6 to 14 months to the joys of reading and learning. Children and parents or caregivers can sing and clap along to rhymes and fun songs.

Toddler Tales is for children ages 15 to 30 months. The group will sing songs, ring bells, play with puppets—in general, have a good time! The session gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to spend quality time enjoying a book with their child.

### Tiny Tales

ages 6 to 14 months

Tues. 11:00 AM—11:30 AM

### Toddler Tales

ages 15 to 30 months

Tues. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

Wed. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

Wed. 11:00 AM—11:30 AM

Thurs. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

### AT THE TABB LIBRARY

Call 890-5110 for more  
information!

## Saturday Story Times

Monthly Saturday Story Times will be held at 10:30 AM at the Tabb Library. Mark your calendars for these special events featuring stories, songs, and crafts, recommended for ages 3 and up. No registration is required. Call 890-5110 for details.

**Mar. 18: Fairies &**

**Leprechauns**

**May 13: Mother's Day**

**June 10: Father's Day**

## Read Across America at Tabb March 4

On Saturday, March 4, the Youth Services Department will host a Dr. Seuss event in the Children's Area at Tabb. There will be activities, prizes, and fun beginning at 10:30 AM.

## Playing with Food March 28

Teens ages 12 and older are invited to Teen Night on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM at the Tabb Library. Based on the book *Play with your Food* by Joost Elffers, assorted fruits and vegetables will be waiting to be transformed into animals and other creatures. Call 890-5110 for more information.

## Once Upon a Time . . . at the Library

This year's Summer Reading Program will run from June 26 to August 4. We're planning fun activities for toddlers to teens, and of course, we have great books to read and listen to! All programs are free, and registration begins June 19.

**ADDITIONAL  
PROGRAMS  
IN MARCH  
AND APRIL**

**Wednesday, March 15**

"Virginia Indian  
Women's Culture"  
talk & performance

**Wednesday, March 22**

"Abbey Aldrich Rockefeller:  
Her Life and Art Collection"

**Saturday, April 22**

EARTH DAY movie & speaker

**Sunday, April 23**

Shakespeare's birthday  
MOVIE & meeting of  
York Writers Group

**CALL 890-5119**

for information

**Lecture Series  
EXCELLENCE  
IN AGING**

with

**Helen T. Madden, Ph.D**

Executive Director  
of the Center for  
Excellence in Aging  
and Geriatric Health

**Wed., April 19–7:00 PM**

**Yorktown Library**

**Call 890-5119**

**for more details**

**SALA WEDNESDAY  
EVENING READINGS  
at the Tabb Library**

Share Appreciation of the  
Literary Arts (SALA) on the  
first Wednesday of each month,  
from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM, by the  
fireplace at the Tabb Library.

Read something you have  
written yourself, or bring  
something you like by someone  
else—or just **come listen** to  
what others have brought to  
read.

**Readers and listeners of  
all ages are welcome.**

**LIBRARY CLOSED  
Sunday, April 16  
for Easter**

**BOOK BAG CHATS Sundays at Tabb Library**

**Book Bag Chats** are held  
every second and fourth  
Sunday by the fireplace from  
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Tabb  
Library. The program is a self-  
serve, experimental program  
designed to help library patrons  
meet others with a common  
interest in reading.

This is how it works: We'll  
provide a bag of books for you  
to examine and discuss, or you  
may decide to discuss what you  
are reading on your own. If you  
love to read, stop by for a **Book  
Bag Chat**. It's a new place to  
get to know book lovers like  
yourself.

**New advisory group**

A new advisory group is  
being formed to help plan and  
publicize the Library's adult  
programs. If you have ideas to  
share, on a one-time or ongoing  
basis, call the Adult Programs  
Office at 890-5119. We'll look  
forward to hearing from you!

**Casual Saturday Chess  
at Yorktown Library**

The Yorktown Library will  
host **bring-your-own-board  
chess matches** the first and third  
Saturdays of each month at 2:00  
PM. Come by yourself for a "pick-  
up" game or bring a friend or two.  
Quiet conversation or instruction  
will be permitted, but timing  
devices that make noise are not  
welcome.

Bring your board for an  
afternoon of mental exercise!

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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday—Thursday	10 AM–9 PM
Friday	10 AM–6 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	1 PM–5 PM

**Visit the Library's website**  
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

**Enjoy story time at home...FREE!**  
**DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111**

**Tabb Library**

100 Long Green Boulevard  
Yorktown, VA 23693  
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Administration	890-5105
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Adult Services Desk	890-5120
Youth Services Desk	890-5110

**Yorktown Library**

8500 George Washington Mem. Highway  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

Library Information	890-3377
Circulation Desk	890-5209
Adult Services Desk	890-5207
Youth Services Desk	890-3236